

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A cabinet opening structure comprising:

a cabinet having an openable portion which can be opened from an apparatus body in the apparatus provided with a transporting unit for transporting a sheet member; and

an operating member, which is connected to the transporting unit, can be manually operated, and is operated when the sheet member is taken out of the inside of the apparatus body;

the operating member being disposed at a position, at which the operating member is exposed to the outside of the apparatus body in a direction perpendicular to the opening direction when the openable portion of the cabinet is opened from the apparatus body.

2. A cabinet opening structure according to claim 1, wherein the openable portion of the cabinet is disposed on a side perpendicular to the fore surface of the apparatus body, at which an apparatus operating unit for operating the apparatus body is provided, and further, the operating member is exposed onto the side of the operating unit of the apparatus body, at which the apparatus operating unit is provided.

3. A cabinet opening structure according to claim 2, wherein the openable portion of the cabinet includes a part of the cabinet on the side of the operating unit.

4. An apparatus provided with a sheet member transporting unit, comprising:

a transporting unit for transporting a sheet member;
a cabinet having an openable portion which can be opened from an apparatus body; and

an operating member, which is connected to the transporting unit, can be manually operated, and is operated when the sheet member is taken out of the inside of the apparatus body;

the operating member being disposed at a position, at which the operating member is exposed to the outside of the apparatus body in a direction perpendicular to the opening direction when the openable portion of the cabinet is opened from the apparatus body, in the proximity of an end of a frame member in the apparatus body along a transportation direction of the sheet member.

5. An apparatus provided with a sheet member transporting unit according to claim 4, wherein an apparatus operating unit for operating the apparatus body

is disposed on a side on which the operating member is exposed.

6. An apparatus provided with a sheet member according to claim 4, wherein the transporting unit is connected to the operating member via a plurality of transmitting members.

7. An image forming apparatus comprising:

- a transporting unit for transporting a sheet member;
- an image forming unit for forming an image on the sheet member based on image information;

- a fixing device for fixing the image formed on the sheet member in the image forming unit;

- a cabinet having an openable portion which can be opened from an apparatus body;

- a first operating member, which is connected to the transporting unit, can be manually operated, and is operated when the sheet member is taken out of the inside of the apparatus body; and

- a second operating member, which is connected to the fixing device, can be manually operated, and is operated when the sheet member is taken out of the inside of the apparatus body;

- the first and second operating members being disposed

at positions, at which the operating members are exposed to the outside of the apparatus body in a direction perpendicular to the opening direction when the openable portion of the cabinet is opened from the apparatus body, in the proximity of an end of a frame member in the apparatus body along a transportation direction of the sheet member.

8. An image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the transporting unit includes a registration roller pair for controlling a timing when the sheet member is transported with respect to the image forming unit;

the fixing device includes a fixing roller for holding the sheet member with the application of heat under pressure so as to fix the image formed on the sheet member; and

the first operating member is connected to the registration roller pair in the transporting unit while the second operating member is connected to the fixing roller in the fixing device.